SENATE BILL No. 555

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-13-3; IC 11-10-4-2; IC 12-23; IC 12-26; IC 16-39-2-6; IC 33-23; IC 33-24-6-3; IC 35-36.

Synopsis: Sale of firearms to mentally ill persons. Requires the division of state court administration to establish and administer an electronic system for: (1) receiving information that relates to certain individuals who may be prohibited from possessing a firearm; and (2) transmitting this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Allows the disclosure of certain mental health records to: (1) NICS or to the division of state court administration for transmittal to NICS; and (2) the Indiana data and communication system for transmittal to NICS. Provides that, if a court or the department of correction makes an adjudication or a finding concerning a person's mental health that may disqualify the person from possessing a firearm, the court or department of correction shall transmit certain information concerning the finding or adjudication to the division of state court administration for transmittal to NICS. Establishes a procedure by which a person who has been released from commitment or who has completed treatment may have the person's disqualification to possess a firearm removed, and establishes a procedure by which a person may petition the state police department to amend the person's criminal history to reflect that the person's conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside.

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SENATE BILL No. 555

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTION 1. IC 10-13-3-31 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 31. (a) Unles
otherwise prohibited by law, a criminal justice agency that maintain
criminal history data, upon request and proper identification of the
person about whom criminal history data is maintained, shall provide
that person with a copy of the person's criminal history data for
reasonable fee.

- (b) Any person may:
 - (1) challenge the information contained in the person's criminal history data file; $\bf or$
 - (2) petition the department to amend the person's criminal history data file to reflect that a conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside.
- SECTION 2. IC 10-13-3-33 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 33. (a) The council shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:
 - (1) assure the completeness and accuracy of criminal history data;



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1	(2) protect information from loss, alteration, destruction, or
2	improper direct access to the information files;
3	(3) prevent unreasonable interference with the regular discharge
4	of the duties of employees of law enforcement agencies; and
5	(4) carry out this chapter.
6	(b) If a person makes a challenge or files a petition to amend under
7	section 31(b) of this chapter, the department shall:
8	(1) make the changes requested, if it determines the data is in
9	error;
10	(2) amend the person's criminal history data file, if it
11	determines that the person's conviction has been reversed,
12	vacated, or set aside; or
13	(2) (3) conduct a hearing under IC 4-21.5-3, if requested by the
14	person making the challenge or filing the petition to amend.
15	(c) The rules adopted under this chapter must provide for inspection
16	in a reasonable and timely manner.
17	SECTION 3. IC 11-10-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
18	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) The department
19	shall provide for the care and treatment of every confined offender who
20	is determined to be mentally ill by a psychiatrist employed or retained
21	by the department. To provide that care and treatment, the department
22	may:
23	(1) establish and operate its own mental health facilities and
24	programs;
25	(2) transfer offenders to the division of mental health and
26	addiction, subject to the approval of the director of the division of
27	mental health and addiction; or
28	(3) contract with any city, county, state, or federal authority or
29	with other public or private organizations for the provision of care
30	and treatment.
31	(b) If a psychiatrist employed or retained by the department
32	makes a finding under subsection (a), the department shall
33	transmit a copy of the finding and any other information required
34	by the division of state court administration to the division of state
35	court administration for transmission to NICS (as defined in
36	IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3.
37	SECTION 4. IC 12-23-8-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 9. (a) If the court
39	determines that an individual is a drug abuser or an alcoholic and is
40	likely to be rehabilitated through treatment, the court may do the
41	following:

(1) Place the individual on probation under IC 35-38-2 and under



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1	the supervision of the division for treatment.
2	(2) Require progress reports on the individual from the probation
3	officer and the division that the court finds necessary.
4	(b) If the court makes a determination under subsection (a), the
5	court shall transmit a copy of its determination and any other
6	information required by the division of state court administration
7	to the division of state court administration for transmission to
8	NICS (as defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance with
9	IC 33-24-6-3.
10	SECTION 5. IC 12-23-14-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
11	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 20. If a court provides direct or
13	indirect treatment or rehabilitation services to a person under
14	section 4 or 5 of this chapter, the court shall transmit a copy of its
15	order and any other information required by the division of state
16	court administration to the division of state court administration
17	for transmission to NICS (as defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in
18	accordance with IC 33-24-6-3.
19	SECTION 6. IC 12-23-14.5-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
20	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
21	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1,2009]: Sec. 18. If a drug court provides direct
22	or indirect treatment or rehabilitation services to a person under
23	section 4 of this chapter, the court shall transmit a copy of its order
24	and any other information required by the division of state court
25	administration to the division of state court administration for
26	transmission to NICS (as defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance
27	with IC 33-24-6-3.
28	SECTION 7. IC 12-26-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2006,
29	SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
30	JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 8. (a) If, upon the completion of the hearing and

SECTION 7. IC 12-26-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2006, SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 8. (a) If, upon the completion of the hearing and consideration of the record, the court finds that the individual is mentally ill and either dangerous or gravely disabled, the court may order the individual to:

- (1) be committed to an appropriate facility; or
- (2) enter an outpatient treatment program under IC 12-26-14 for a period of not more than ninety (90) days.
- (b) The court's order must require that the superintendent of the facility or the attending physician file a treatment plan with the court within fifteen (15) days of the individual's admission to the facility under a commitment order.
- (c) If the commitment ordered under subsection (a) is to a state institution administered by the division of mental health and addiction,



1	the record of commitment proceedings must include a report from a
2	community mental health center stating both of the following:
3	(1) That the community mental health center has evaluated the
4	individual.
5	(2) That commitment to a state institution administered by the
6	division of mental health and addiction under this chapter is
7	appropriate.
8	(d) The physician who makes the statement required by section 2(c)
9	of this chapter may be affiliated with the community mental health
10	center that submits to the court the report required by subsection (c).
11	(e) If the commitment is of an adult to a research bed at Larue D.
12	Carter Memorial Hospital as set forth in IC 12-21-2-3, the report from
13	a community mental health center is not required.
14	(f) If a commitment ordered under subsection (a) is to a state
15	institution administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative
16	services, the record of commitment proceedings must include a report
17	from a service coordinator employed by the division of disability and
18	rehabilitative services stating that, based on a diagnostic assessment of
19	the individual, commitment to a state institution administered by the
20	division of disability and rehabilitative services under this chapter is
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1	(A) terminating the commitment; or	
2	(B) releasing the individual from the therapy program.	
3	(c) If the court makes a finding under subsection (a), the court	
4	shall transmit a copy of its order and any other information	
5	required by the division of state court administration to the	
6	division of state court administration for transmission to NICS (as	
7	defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3.	
8	SECTION 9. IC 16-39-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2007,	
9	SECTION 136, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS	
10	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. (a) Without the consent of the	4
11	patient, the patient's mental health record may only be disclosed as	
12	follows:	
13	(1) To individuals who meet the following conditions:	
14	(A) Are employed by:	
15	(i) the provider at the same facility or agency;	
16	(ii) a managed care provider (as defined in	4
17	IC 12-7-2-127(b)); or	•
18	(iii) a health care provider or mental health care provider, if	
19	the mental health records are needed to provide health care	
20	or mental health services to the patient.	
21	(B) Are involved in the planning, provision, and monitoring of	1
22	services.	
23	(2) To the extent necessary to obtain payment for services	
24	rendered or other benefits to which the patient may be entitled, as	•
25	provided in IC 16-39-5-3.	
26	(3) To the patient's court appointed counsel and to the Indiana	
27	protection and advocacy services commission.	1
28	(4) For research conducted in accordance with IC 16-39-5-3 and	
29	the rules of the division of mental health and addiction, the rules	1
30	of the division of disability and rehabilitative services, or the rules	
31	of the provider.	
32	(5) To the division of mental health and addiction for the purpose	
33	of data collection, research, and monitoring managed care	
34	providers (as defined in IC 12-7-2-127(b)) who are operating	
35	under a contract with the division of mental health and addiction.	
36	(6) To the extent necessary to make reports or give testimony	
37	required by the statutes pertaining to admissions, transfers,	
38	discharges, and guardianship proceedings.	
39	(7) To a law enforcement agency if any of the following	
40	conditions are met:	
41	(A) A patient escapes from a facility to which the patient is	
12	committed under IC 12-26.	



1	(B) The superintendent of the facility determines that failure	
2	to provide the information may result in bodily harm to the	
3	patient or another individual.	
4	(C) A patient commits or threatens to commit a crime on	
5	facility premises or against facility personnel.	
6	(D) A patient is in the custody of a law enforcement officer or	
7	agency for any reason and:	
8	(i) the information to be released is limited to medications	
9	currently prescribed for the patient or to the patient's history	
10	of adverse medication reactions; and	4
11	(ii) the provider determines that the release of the	
12	medication information will assist in protecting the health,	•
13	safety, or welfare of the patient.	
14	Mental health records released under this clause must be	
15	maintained in confidence by the law enforcement agency	
16	receiving them.	4
17	(8) To a coroner or medical examiner, in the performance of the	
18	individual's duties.	
19	(9) To a school in which the patient is enrolled if the	
20	superintendent of the facility determines that the information will	
21	assist the school in meeting educational needs of a person with a	
22	disability under 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.	
23	(10) To the extent necessary to satisfy reporting requirements	
24	under the following statutes:	
25	(A) IC 12-10-3-10.	
26	(B) IC 12-24-17-5.	
27	(C) IC 16-41-2-3.	V
28	(D) IC 31-25-3-2.	,
29	(E) IC 31-33-5-4.	
30	(F) IC 34-30-16-2.	
31	(G) IC 35-46-1-13.	
32	(11) To the extent necessary to satisfy release of information	
33	requirements under the following statutes:	
34	(A) IC 12-24-11-2.	
35	(B) IC 12-24-12-3, IC 12-24-12-4, and IC 12-24-12-6.	
36	(C) IC 12-26-11.	
37	(12) To another health care provider in a health care emergency.	
38	(13) For legitimate business purposes as described in	
39	IC 16-39-5-3.	
40	(14) Under a court order under IC 16-39-3.	
41	(15) With respect to records from a mental health or	
12	developmental disability facility, to the United States Secret	



1	Service if the following conditions are met:	
2	(A) The request does not apply to alcohol or drug abuse	
3	records described in 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2 unless authorized by	
4	a court order under 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2(b)(2)(c).	
5	(B) The request relates to the United States Secret Service's	
6	protective responsibility and investigative authority under 18	
7	U.S.C. 3056, 18 U.S.C. 871, or 18 U.S.C. 879.	
8	(C) The request specifies an individual patient.	
9	(D) The director or superintendent of the facility determines	
10	that disclosure of the mental health record may be necessary	4
11	to protect a person under the protection of the United States	
12	Secret Service from serious bodily injury or death.	`
13	(E) The United States Secret Service agrees to only use the	
14	mental health record information for investigative purposes	
15	and not disclose the information publicly.	
16	(F) The mental health record information disclosed to the	4
17	United States Secret Service includes only:	
18	(i) the patient's name, age, and address;	
19	(ii) the date of the patient's admission to or discharge from	
20	the facility; and	
21	(iii) any information that indicates whether or not the patient	
22	has a history of violence or presents a danger to the person	
23	under protection.	
24	(16) To the statewide waiver ombudsman established under	_
25	IC 12-11-13, in the performance of the ombudsman's duties.	
26	(17) To:	
27	(A) NICS (as defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) or to the division	
28	of state court administration for transmittal to NICS to	
29	meet the reporting requirements of 18 U.S.C. 921 et seq.;	
30	and	
31	(B) the Indiana data and communications system (IDACS)	
32	under IC 10-13-3-35 for transmission to NICS.	
33	Information disclosed under clause (B) may not retained or	
34	made available for retrieval except for compliance with an	
35	audit of the system by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.	
36	(b) After information is disclosed under subsection (a)(15) and if the	
37	patient is evaluated to be dangerous, the records shall be interpreted in	
38	consultation with a licensed mental health professional on the staff of the United States Secret Service.	
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40	(c) A person who discloses information under subsection (a)(7) or	
41	(a)(15) in good faith is immune from civil and criminal liability.	
42	SECTION 10. IC 33-23-1-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA	



1	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS	
2	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 9.5. "NICS" has the meaning set	
3	forth in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5.	
4	SECTION 11. IC 33-23-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE	
5	AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE	
6	JULY 1, 2009]:	
7	Chapter 15. NICS Appeals	
8	Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the following:	
9	(1) A person civilly committed under IC 12-26-6-8.	
10	(2) A person found to be mentally ill and either dangerous or	1
11	gravely disabled under IC 12-26-7-5.	
12	(3) A person found guilty but mentally ill under IC 35-36-2-5.	
13	(4) A person found not responsible by reason of insanity	
14	under IC 35-36-2-4.	
15	(5) A person found incompetent to stand trial under	
16	IC 35-36-3-1.	4
17	(6) A person found to be a drug abuser or an alcoholic under	
18	IC 12-23-8.	
19	(7) A person receiving treatment or rehabilitation services	
20	under IC 12-23-14.	
21	(8) A person receiving treatment or rehabilitation services	ı
22	from a drug court under IC 12-23-14.5.	
23	(9) A confined offender who is determined to be mentally ill	
24	by a psychiatrist employed or retained by the department of	
25	correction under IC 11-10-4.	
26	Sec. 2. (a) If a person described in section 1 of this chapter:	
27	(1) has been released from commitment; or	1
28	(2) successfully completes a treatment or rehabilitation	
29	program;	
30	the person may petition the court (if the adjudication leading to the	
31	person's commitment, rehabilitation, or treatment program was	
32	from a court) or the department of correction (if the determination	
33 34	leading to the person's rehabilitation or treatment program was	
35	from a psychiatrist employed by or retained by the department of correction) to determine whether the person is prohibited from	
36	possessing a handgun because the person is not a proper person	
37	under IC 35-47-1-7(5) or IC 35-47-1-7(6).	
38	(b) In determining whether the person is prohibited from	
39	possessing a handgun because the person is not a proper person	
40	under IC 35-47-1-7(5) or IC 35-47-1-7(6), the court or department	
41	of correction shall consider the following evidence:	
42	(1) The facts and circumstances leading to the person being	



1	included in the category of persons to whom this chapter
2	applies.
3	(2) The person's mental health and criminal history records.
4	(3) Evidence concerning the person's reputation, including the
5	testimony of character witnesses.
6	(4) A recent mental health evaluation.
7	(c) If the court or the department of correction, after
8	considering the evidence described in subsection (b), finds by clear
9	and convincing evidence that:
10	(1) the person is not a danger to the person or to others;
11	(2) the person is not likely to act in a manner dangerous to
12	public safety; and
13	(3) the requested relief would not be contrary to public
14	interest;
15	the court or department of correction shall transmit a copy of its
16	findings to the department of state court administration, and any
17	other information required by the division of state court
18	administration, for transmission to NICS in accordance with
19	IC 33-24-6-3.
20	(d) A determination under this section may be appealed only in
21	accordance with section 3 of this chapter.
22	Sec. 3. (a) A person who receives an adverse decision under
23	section 2 of this chapter may seek review the decision by filing, not
24	later than thirty (30) days after receiving the adverse decision, an
25	action for review:
26	(1) in the court of conviction, if the adverse decision was made
27	by the department of correction; or
28	(2) in a circuit or superior court in a county adjacent to the
29	county in which the court rendered the adverse decision, if the
30	adverse decision was made by a court.
31	(b) The court hearing an action for review filed under this
32	section shall conduct the review hearing de novo. The hearing shall
33	be conducted in accordance with section 2 of this chapter.
34	(c) The determination of a court under this section is a final
35	appealable order.
36	SECTION 12. IC 33-24-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
37	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. (a) The division of
38	state court administration shall do the following:
39	(1) Examine the administrative and business methods and systems
40	employed in the offices of the clerks of court and other offices
41	related to and serving the courts and make recommendations for
42	necessary improvement.



1	(2) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on
2	the judicial work of the courts in Indiana. All justices of the
3	supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, judges of all trial
4	courts, and any city or town courts, whether having general or
5	special jurisdiction, court clerks, court reporters, and other
6	officers and employees of the courts shall, upon notice by the
7	executive director and in compliance with procedures prescribed
8	by the executive director, furnish the executive director the
9	information as is requested concerning the nature and volume of
10	judicial business. The information must include the following:
11	(A) The volume, condition, and type of business conducted by
12	the courts.
13	(B) The methods of procedure in the courts.
14	(C) The work accomplished by the courts.
15	(D) The receipt and expenditure of public money by and for
16	the operation of the courts.
17	(E) The methods of disposition or termination of cases.
18	(3) Prepare and publish reports, not less than one (1) or more than
19	two (2) times per year, on the nature and volume of judicial work
20	performed by the courts as determined by the information
21	required in subdivision (2).
22	(4) Serve the judicial nominating commission and the judicial
23	qualifications commission in the performance by the commissions
24	of their statutory and constitutional functions.
25	(5) Administer the civil legal aid fund as required by IC 33-24-12.
26	(6) Administer the judicial technology and automation project
27	fund established by section 12 of this chapter.
28	(7) Establish and administer an electronic system for
29	receiving information that relates to certain individuals who
30	may be prohibited from possessing a firearm and transmitting
31	this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for
32	inclusion in NICS.
33	(b) All forms to be used in gathering data must be approved by the
34	supreme court and shall be distributed to all judges and clerks before
35	the start of each period for which reports are required.
36	(c) The division may adopt rules to implement this section.
37	SECTION 13. IC 35-36-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
38	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. (a) Whenever a
39	defendant is found not responsible by reason of insanity at the time of
40	the crime, the prosecuting attorney shall file a written petition with the
41	court under IC 12-26-6-2(a)(3) or under IC 12-26-7. If a petition is filed

under IC 12-26-6-2(a)(3), the court shall hold a commitment hearing



under IC 12-26-6. If a petition is filed under IC 12-26-7, the court shall hold a commitment hearing under IC 12-26-7.

- (b) The hearing shall be conducted at the earliest opportunity after the finding of not responsible by reason of insanity at the time of the crime, and the defendant shall be detained in custody until the completion of the hearing. The court may take judicial notice of evidence introduced during the trial of the defendant and may call the physicians appointed by the court to testify concerning whether the defendant is currently mentally ill and dangerous or currently mentally ill and gravely disabled, as those terms are defined by IC 12-7-2-96 and IC 12-7-2-130(1). The court may subpoena any other persons with knowledge concerning the issues presented at the hearing.
- (c) The defendant has all the rights provided by the provisions of IC 12-26 under which the petition against the defendant was filed. The prosecuting attorney may cross-examine the witnesses and present relevant evidence concerning the issues presented at the hearing.
- (d) If a court orders an individual to be committed under IC 12-26-6 or IC 12-26-7 following a verdict of not responsible by reason of insanity at the time of the crime, the superintendent of the facility to which the individual is committed and the attending physician are subject to the requirements of IC 12-26-15-1.
- (e) If a defendant is found not responsible by reason of insanity, the court shall transmit a copy of the verdict and any other information required by the division of state court administration to the division of state court administration for transmission to NICS (as defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3.

SECTION 14. IC 35-36-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.99-2007, SECTION 200, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided by subsection (e), whenever a defendant is found guilty but mentally ill at the time of the crime or enters a plea to that effect that is accepted by the court, the court shall sentence the defendant in the same manner as a defendant found guilty of the offense.

(b) Before sentencing the defendant under subsection (a), the court shall require the defendant to be evaluated by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who practices psychiatric medicine, a licensed psychologist, or a community mental health center (as defined in IC 12-7-2-38). However, the court may waive this requirement if the defendant was evaluated by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who practices psychiatric medicine, a licensed psychologist, or a community mental health center and the evaluation is contained in the record of the

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1	defendant's trial or plea agreement hearing.
2	(c) If a defendant who is found guilty but mentally ill at the time of
3	the crime is committed to the department of correction, the defendant
4	shall be further evaluated and then treated in such a manner as is
5	psychiatrically indicated for the defendant's mental illness. Treatment
6	may be provided by:
7	(1) the department of correction; or
8	(2) the division of mental health and addiction after transfer under
9	IC 11-10-4.
10	(d) If a defendant who is found guilty but mentally ill at the time of
11	the crime is placed on probation, the court may, in accordance with
12	IC 35-38-2-2.3, require that the defendant undergo treatment.
13	(e) As used in this subsection, "individual with mental retardation"
14	has the meaning set forth in IC 35-36-9-2. If a court determines under
15	IC 35-36-9 that a defendant who is charged with a murder for which
16	the state seeks a death sentence is an individual with mental
17	retardation, the court shall sentence the defendant under
18	IC 35-50-2-3(a).
19	(f) If a defendant is found guilty but mentally ill, the court shall
20	transmit a copy of the verdict and any other information required
21	by the division of state court administration to the division of state
22	court administration for transmission to NICS (as defined in
23	IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3.
24	SECTION 15. IC 35-36-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
25	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) If at any time
26	before the final submission of any criminal case to the court or the jury
27	trying the case, the court has reasonable grounds for believing that the
28	defendant lacks the ability to understand the proceedings and assist in
29	the preparation of a defense, the court shall immediately fix a time for
30	a hearing to determine whether the defendant has that ability. The court
31	shall appoint two (2) or three (3) competent, disinterested:
32	(1) psychiatrists; or
33	(2) psychologists endorsed by the Indiana state board of
34	examiners in psychology as health service providers in
35	psychology.
36	At least one (1) of the individuals appointed under this subsection must
37	be a psychiatrist. However, none may be an employee or a contractor
38	of a state institution (as defined in IC 12-7-2-184). The individuals who

are appointed shall examine the defendant and testify at the hearing as

to whether the defendant can understand the proceedings and assist in

(b) At the hearing, other evidence relevant to whether the defendant

the preparation of the defendant's defense.



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has the ability to understand the proceedings and assist in the
preparation of the defendant's defense may be introduced. If the court
finds that the defendant has the ability to understand the proceedings
and assist in the preparation of the defendant's defense, the trial shall
proceed. If the court finds that the defendant lacks this ability, it shall
delay or continue the trial and order the defendant committed to the
division of mental health and addiction. The division of mental health
and addiction shall provide competency restoration services or enter
into a contract for the provision of competency restoration services by
a third party in the:

- (1) location where the defendant currently resides; or
- (2) least restrictive setting appropriate to the needs of the defendant and the safety of the defendant and others.

However, if the defendant is serving an unrelated executed sentence in the department of correction at the time the defendant is committed to the division of mental health and addiction under this section, the division of mental health and addiction shall provide competency restoration services or enter into a contract for the provision of competency restoration services by a third party at a department of correction facility agreed upon by the division of mental health and addiction or the third party contractor and the department of correction.

(c) If the court makes a finding under subsection (b), the court shall transmit a copy of its order and any other information required by the division of state court administration to the division of state court administration for transmission to NICS (as defined in IC 35-47-2.5-2.5) in accordance with IC 33-24-6-3.









